

REMARKS

The drawings (Figs. 3 and 5-8F) have been amended (as shown on attached copies marked in red) to replace some reference numbers. The specification (pages 8-12) has been amended corresponding to the drawing changes. Claims 6 and 7 have been amended. Claims 1-5, 8 and 10-15 have been cancelled. Examination of the amended application respectfully is requested.

The Examiner objected to the drawings because of alleged improper repetitive use of the same reference numbers to designate different structures. The drawings have been corrected to change the reference numerals for one of the embodiments of the invention and the specification has been amended to change reference numerals correspondingly. The objection therefore no longer is applicable and accordingly should be withdrawn.


The Examiner indicates that claim 8 (which depends from claim 6) would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to incorporate the limitations of claim 6, and to overcome a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Claim 6 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 8, eliminate the alleged indefinite language in claim 6, and to improve the grammatical and idiomatic English. Claim 7 has been amended to improve the grammatical and idiomatic English, and claims 7 and 9 remain dependent on claim 6. Therefore, the objection to claim 8 and both prior art and indefiniteness rejections of claims 6-9 are inapplicable to the amended claims, and the rejections and objection accordingly should be withdrawn.

Based on the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and such a Notice, with allowed claims 6, 7, and 9, is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner feel that a further conference would help to expedite the

prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned counsel to arrange for such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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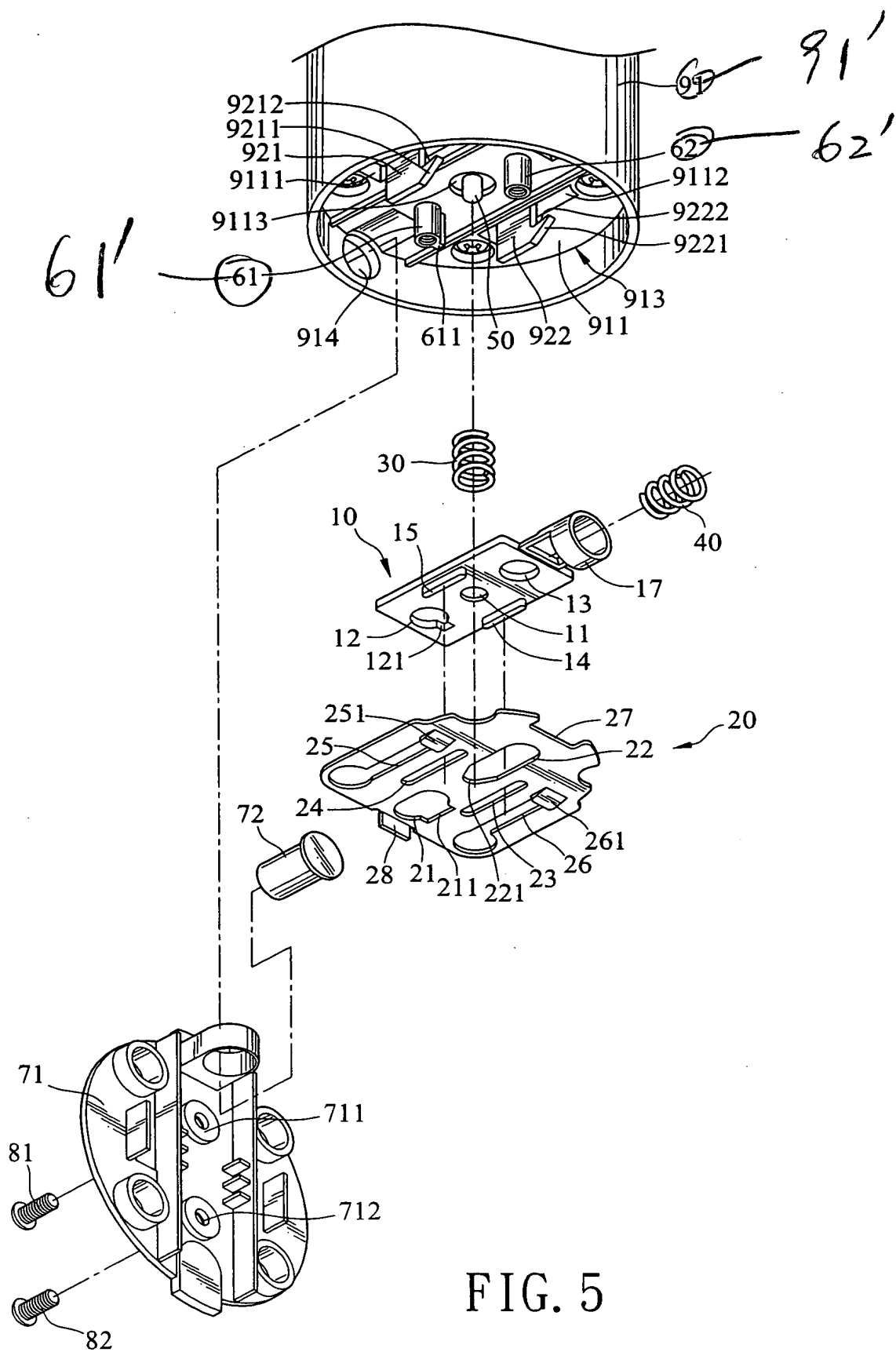


FIG. 5

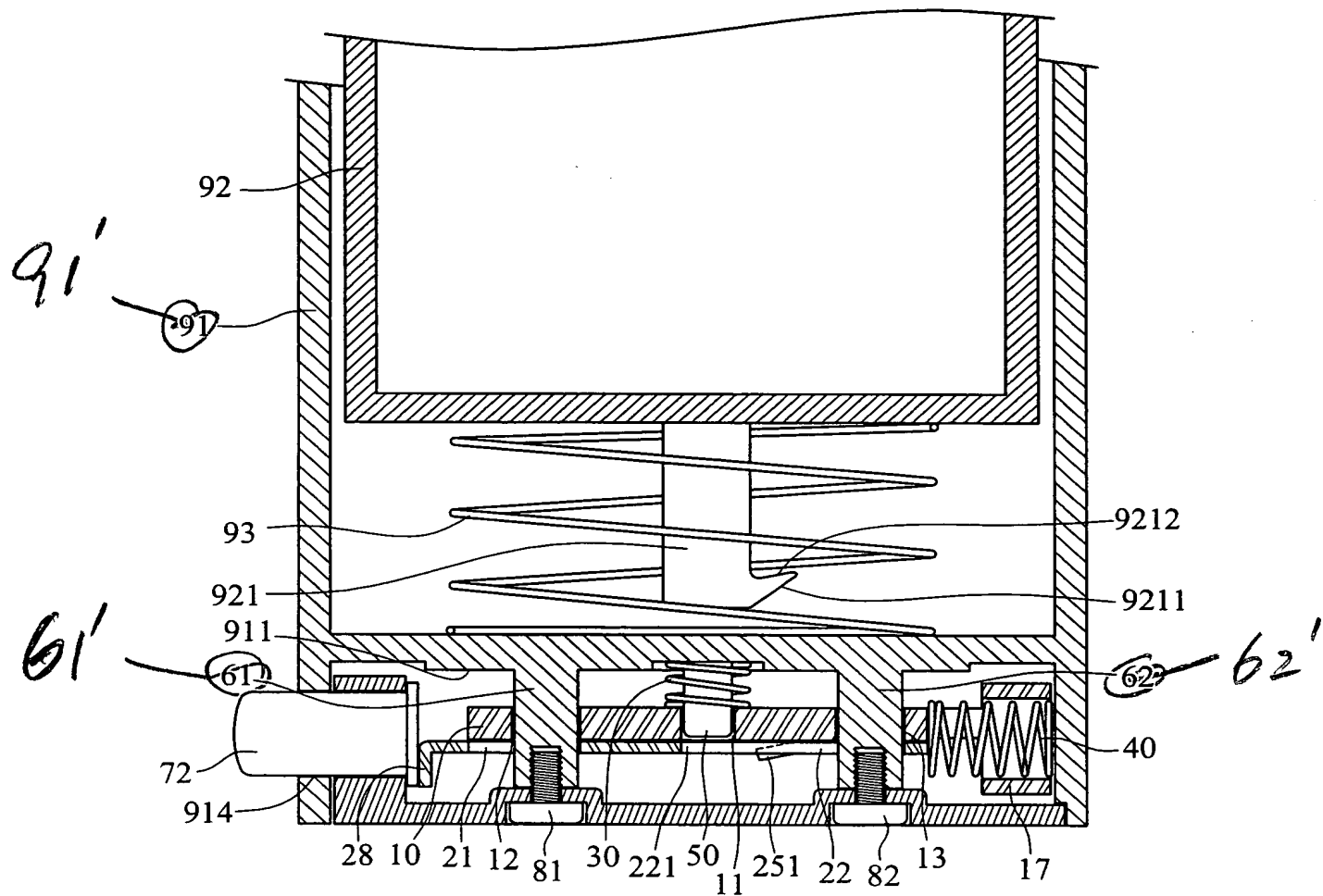


FIG. 6

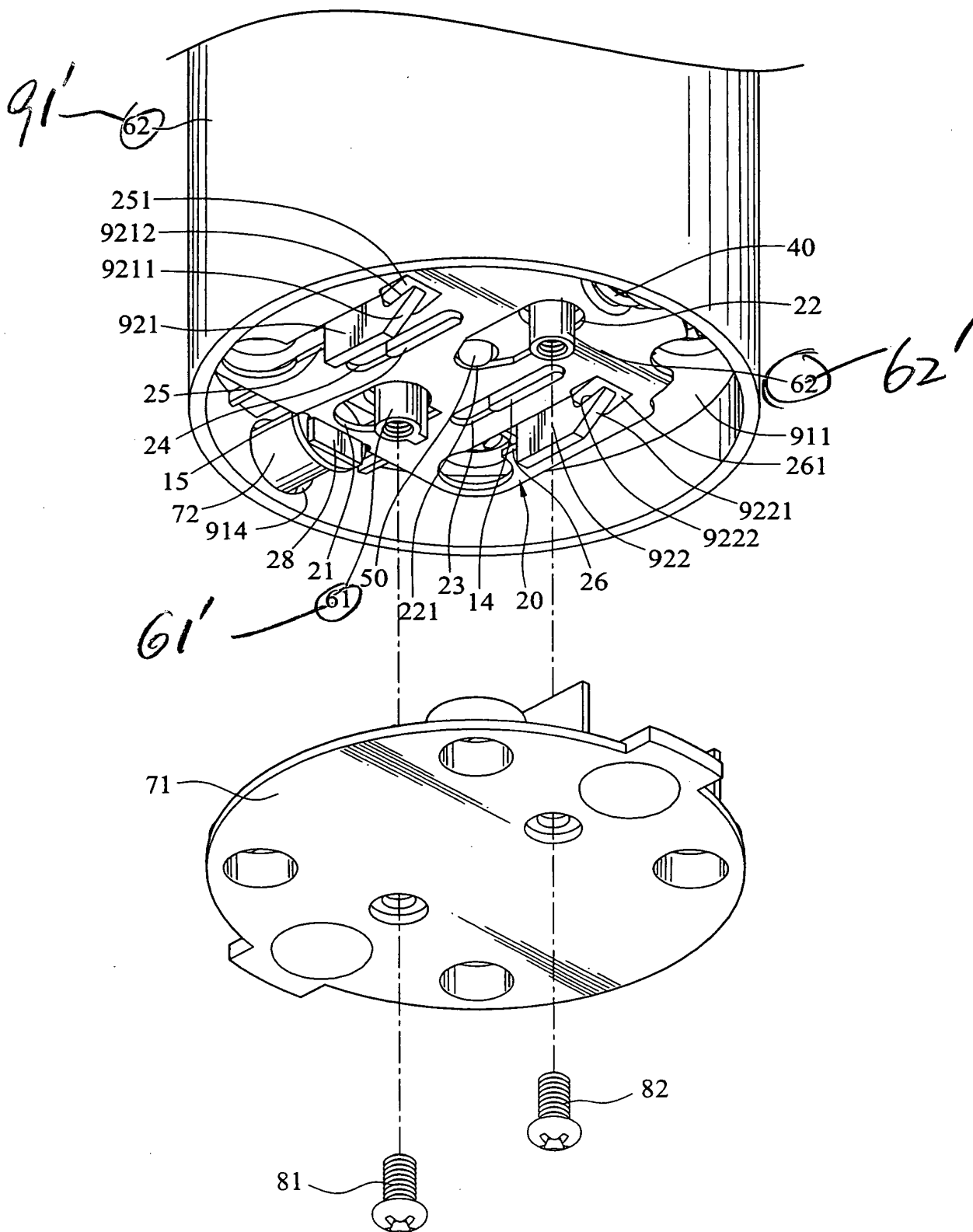


FIG. 7

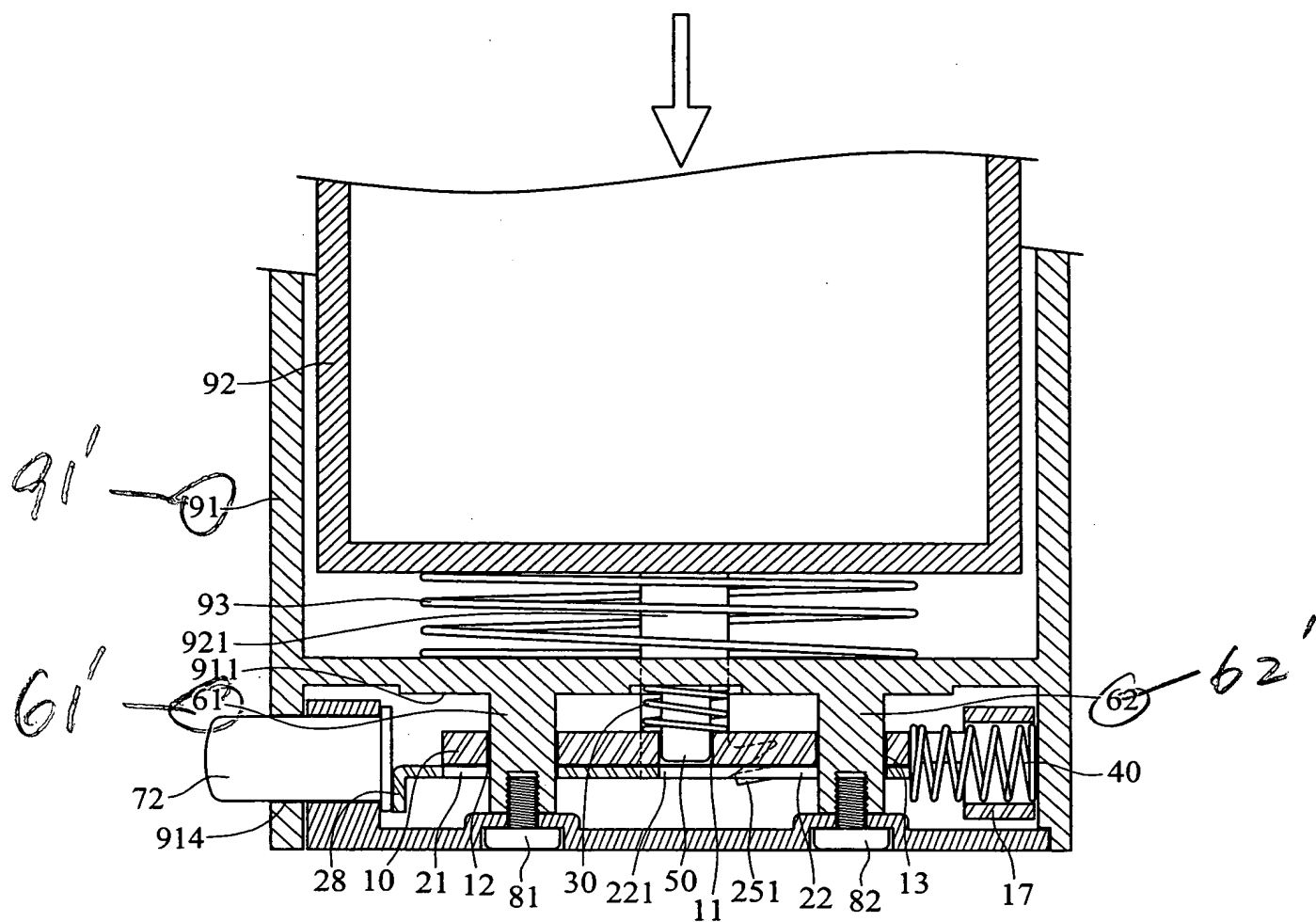


FIG. 8A

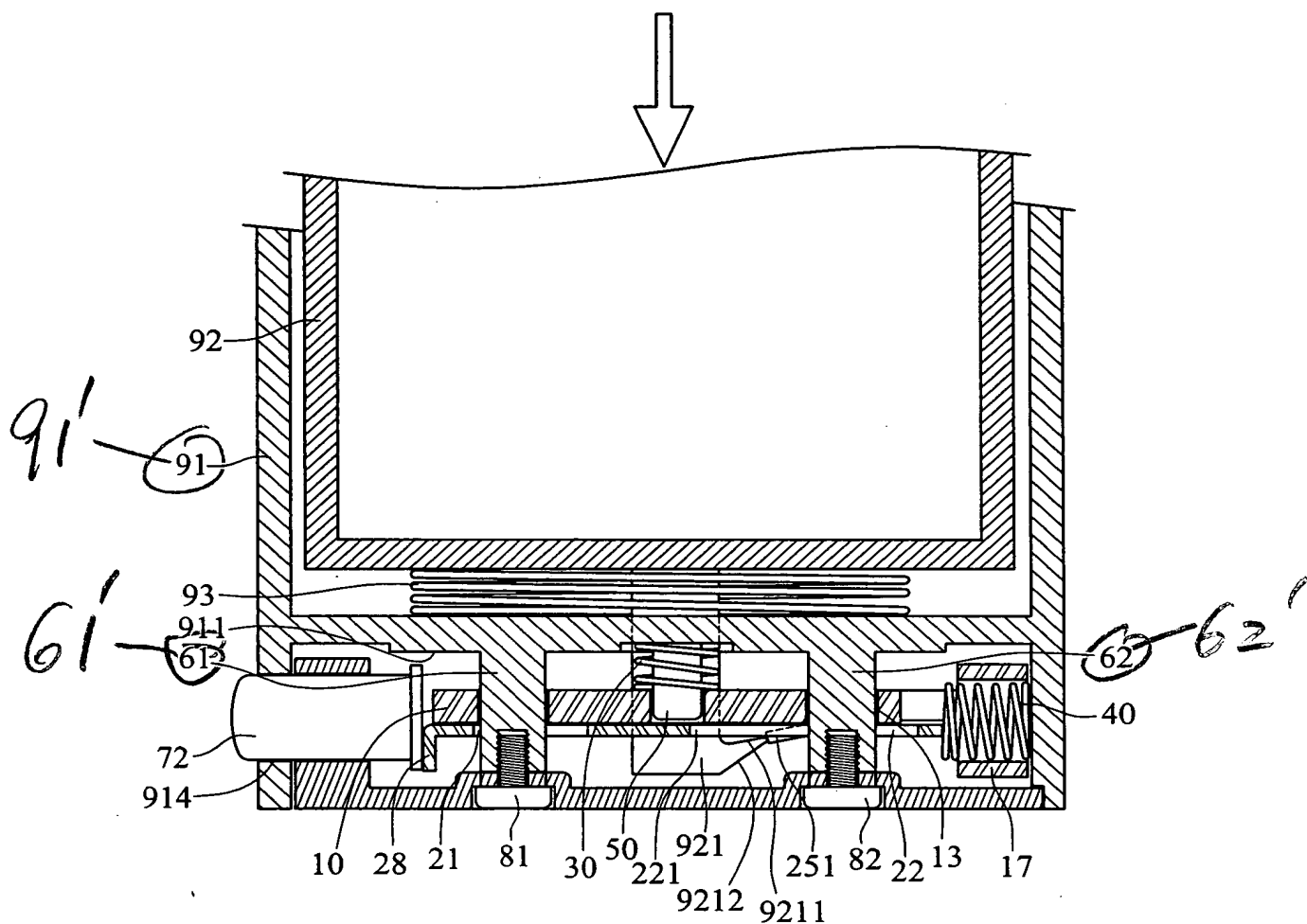


FIG. 8B

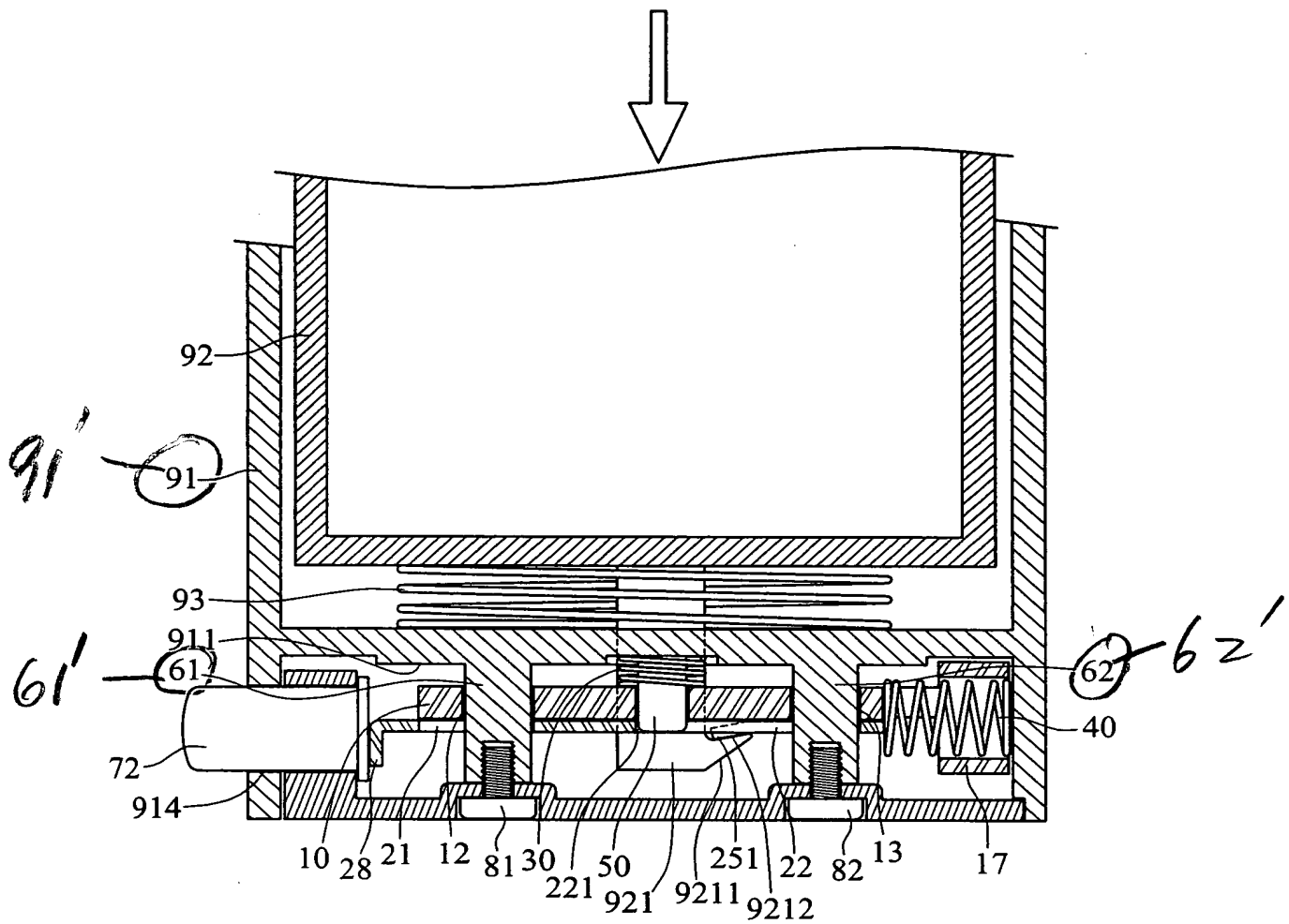


FIG. 8C

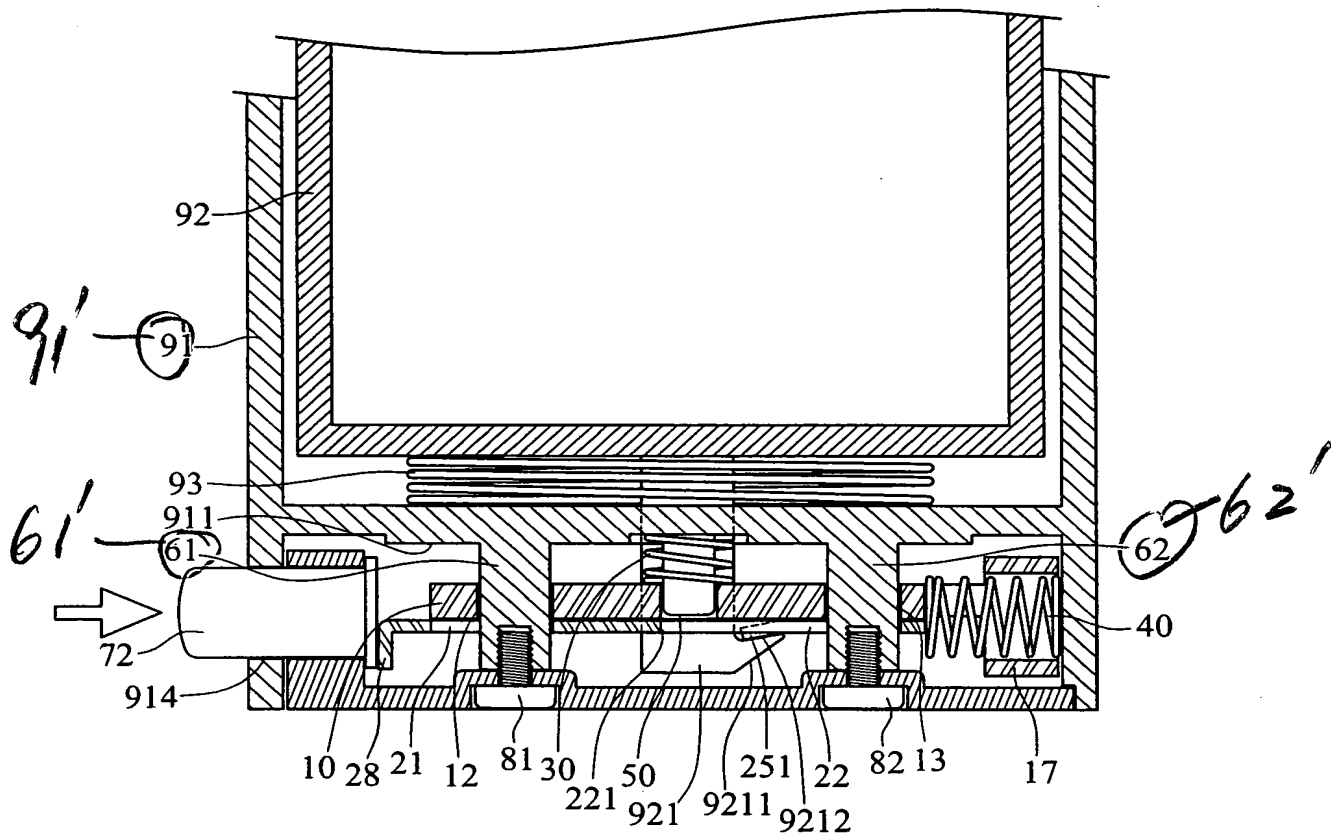


FIG. 8D

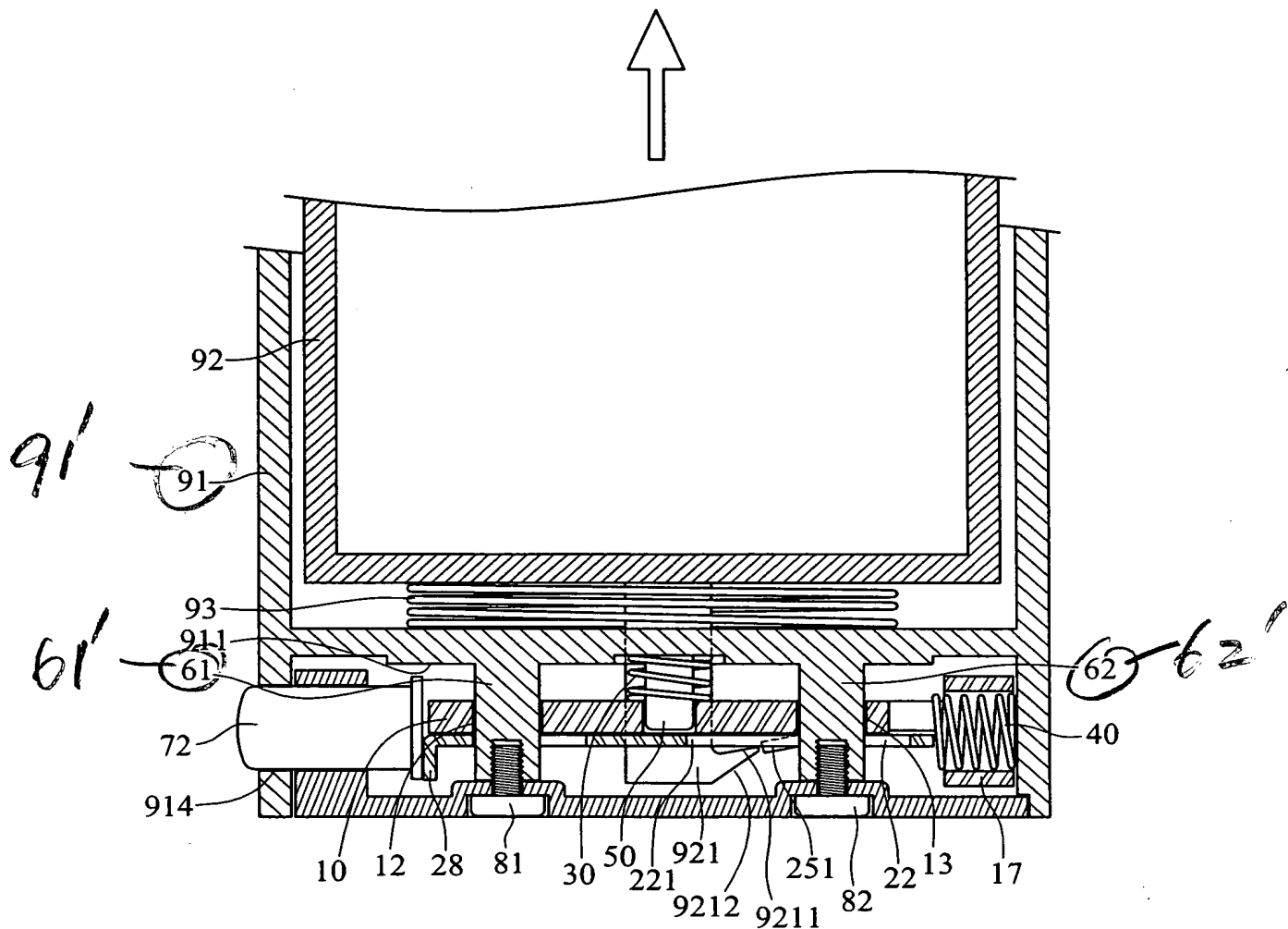


FIG. 8E

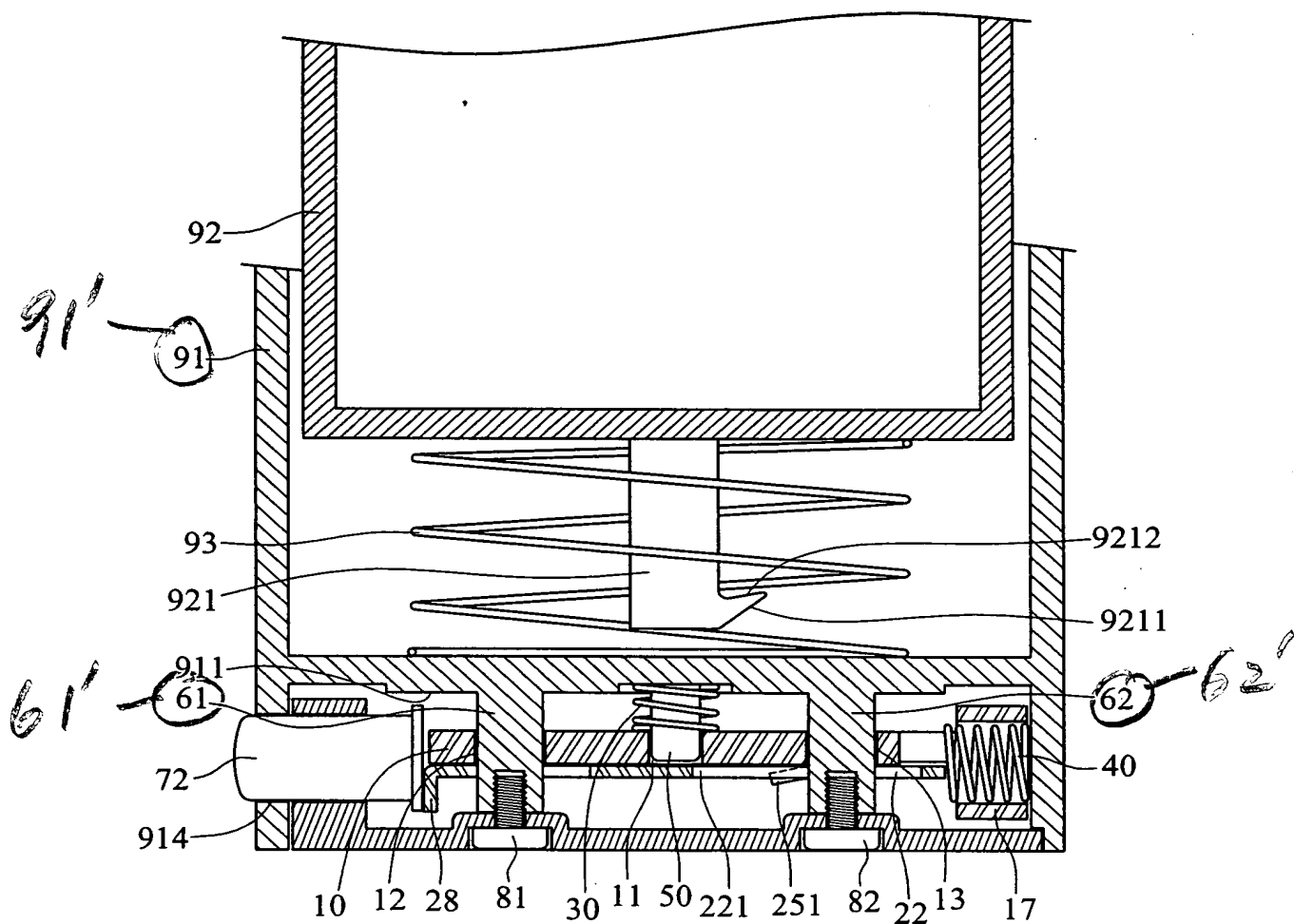


FIG. 8F